

Revised: September 2, 2008

**TENTATIVE AGENDA
for the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
ECONOMIC AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**September 3, 2008
University of Phoenix
Orientation Room, Administration Building
1270 Country Club Road
Santa Teresa**

**September 4, 2008
Sunland Park Racetrack
Sunland Park**

Wednesday, September 3

- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome**
—Commissioner Dolores Saldana-Caviness, District 2
—Representative, University of Phoenix, Santa Teresa
- 10:30 a.m. **Update on Union Pacific Railroad-Southern NM/El Paso Area Rail Facilities Plan**
—Luis A. Heredia, Director of Public Affairs, Union Pacific
—Fred O'Cheskey, Lobbyist
- 11:00 a.m. **New Mexico Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)**
—Ronald Burke, Interim Director, New Mexico MEP
—Manny Chavez, Plant Manager, Foamex
—David Schroeder, President, Samson Equipment
—Martin Small, President, Calculex
- 11:30 a.m. **Work Force Training**
—Melissa Lomax, Chief, Career Technical and Workforce Education
—Steve Crespín, Executive Director, Mechanical Contractors Association
—Tom Montano, Business Manager, United Association of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 412
- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. **Jurisdictional Response to House Bill 219 and Related Issues**

—Frank Torres, Building Official, Dona Ana County
—Laura Nelson, Building Official, Alamogordo
—Mark Torres, Retired Building Official, Las Cruces

- 2:30 p.m. **U.S.-Mexico Trade and Border Economic Development**
—Jaime Campos, Executive Director, New Mexico Border Authority
—Juan Massey, Director of the Trade and Mexican Affairs Division, Economic Development Department
—Jerry Pacheco, Executive Director, International Business Accelerator
- 3:30 p.m. **Mesilla Valley Economic Development Alliance (MVEDA)**
—Bryn Davis, Chair, MVEDA Board of Directors
—Fred Shepherd, Business Development Manager, MVEDA
- 4:15 p.m. **Tax Increment Development Districts in Las Cruces**
—Brian Haines, County Manager, Dona Ana County (invited)
—Robert Garza, Assistant City Manager, Las Cruces

Thursday, September 4

- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome**
—Martin Resendiz, Mayor of Sunland Park
- 9:15 a.m. **Introduction to the Racetrack**
—Scott Scanland, Lobbyist, Sunland Park Racetrack and Casino
- 9:30 a.m. **Status of Gaming in New Mexico**
—John Monforte, Executive Director, Gaming Control Board
—David Norvell, Chair, Gaming Control Board
- 10:30 a.m. **Status of Horseracing in New Mexico**
—Julian Luna, Agency Director, State Racing Commission
—Arnold Rael, Chair, State Racing Commission
—Eddie Fowler, Commissioner, State Racing Commission
- 11:30 a.m. **Cable Television Update and Challenges**
—Chris Dunkeson, General Manager, Comcast Albuquerque
—John Christopher, General Manager for Southern New Mexico, Comcast
—Carl Wilson, PVT, Artesia Cable
- 12:15 p.m. **Adjourn**